CESSION NOT LEGAL, CHAMBER IS TOLD

Attorney Sands Says Congress Could Not Return District Land.

MEMBERS PLANNING TO HEAR ARGUMENT

Constitutional Lawyers to Advance Reasons for Taking Back Territory.

"The act of Congress retroceding to Virginia its present part of Alex-andria county is clearly unconstitu-tional.

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"When one considers the various
formal acts on the part of the States,
of Congress, and by the President,
pursuant to the provisions of the
Constitution, connected with the creation of the District of Columbia,
one can readily see the inherent defects in the attempt made in 1846
to put back into the State of Virginia that part of her territory formally ceded to the United States by
her in December, 1789."

—Attorney F. P. B. Sands to the
committee of the Chamber of Commerce appointed to consider the
constitutionality of the act of 1846.

Will Continue Work.

Will Continue Work. If the constitutional lawyers who to appear before the committee of the

Chamber of Commerce in the series of hearings regarding the validity of the retrocession of a portion of the District to Virginia in 1816, take the same views as does Attorney F. B. Sands, and if they can impress the committee with them as favorably, it is pretty well settled that the Chamber of Commerce is going to busy itself this winter with working out a practical plan for getting back the ceded territory

Following the pointer given by Pre ident Taft at the citizens' dinner ten-dered him last winter, when he delared that he questioned the constitutionality of the retrocession act, *Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon formally took up the problem which is to be the subject of an ex-haustive investigation by that body.

Attorney Sands, by invitation, appeared before the committee, which has been appointed specially to conduct the hearings. This committee is a branch of the law and legislation committee and is composed of Charles Linkins, chalrman; J. Miller Kenyon, Jackson H. Ralston, Corcoran Thom, Leon Tobriner, Benjamin F. Barnes, R. Golden Donaldson, Dr. W. C. Woodward, Charles W. Darr, Walter B. Guy, John B. Sleman, jr., and Louis H. Stabler. It is stated that Amos R. Casselman, who has given the subject a great deal of attention, may be the next speaker before the committee.

Sands Makes Argument.

Attorney Sands declared that in the recitals of the preamble of the retrocession act there are several sections which are all suggestive of the doubts which existed then as to its propriety

and legality.
"All of the citizens of the entire ter ritory of the District of Columbia," said

ritory of the District of Columbia," said Mr. Sands, "male and female, white and black, infants or Insane, were entitled to the benefits of the 'exclusive jurisdiction' of Congress over the whole territory, and Congress over the whole territory, and Congress could not renounce or part with that constitutional duty in whole or in part.

"When this territory became vested in the United States the power and authority contained in the words 'exclusive jurisdiction' which was given to Congress over this territory precluded the idea that a vote of the majority of any certain class of its residents, within any limited portion thereof, could give validity or strength to any legislation by Congress in regard thereto. The whole population of the entire District was just as much entitled to a voice in such action, had it been at all lawful."

GARRISON TO DEFY PATRIOTIC UNION

Capital Organization Will Not Withdraw From Army and Navy Veterans.

Drastic action in deflance of the pres ent national administration of the Army and Navy Union, and a campaign to overthrow the regime two years hence, it was learned today, was the action at a meeting of Roosevelt Garrison, No. 74, which went into secret session last evening after a national representative had been ejected from the meeting.

The garrison will not sever its con nection with the national organization, as was contemplated, but will remain with-in the fold in order the better to fight what it believes has been maladminis tration of the national body's affairs. An slarming condition in the District gardsons was also brought to light today. From more than 800 members a year ago the membership of the local bod'es has shrunk, since the financial

bod'es has shrunk, since the financial trotbles, to about 80 bona fide members. To recoup this loss of members, and to jein hands with other bodies all over the country to overthrow the national regime is the work the organization has cut out for itself.

The Roosevelt Garrison will retain its membership by a unique plan. By paying the dues of seven charter members, which aggregate \$4.29 a year, it will retain its charter, and at the same time evade paying money into the treasury.

This action was taken last evening as the result of reports of the delegates to the national convention. It was found when the national officers gave an account of the financial status of the organization that the treasury had been depleted. The funds had been used, it was charged, for paying personal expenses and for other purposes not provided for in the constitution.

It is expected that the hational organization may take some action when it learns that its representative was

ganization may take some action when it learns that its representative was excluded from the meeting last evening. National Inspector General Blush took a seat in the hall, but when the members went into executive session he was requested to withdraw. He did this under protest.

POPE PRAISES FRANCISCANS.

ROME, Oct. 5 .- This being the seventh Franciscan order, the Pope has address d an apostolic letter to the Francis cans throughout the world. He recapitulates the great merits of the order, of which he was proud to be a member, and establishes new rules, especially with reference to privileges and indulgences.

BROOKLAND CITIZENS HAVE GARDEN SHOW

Residents in Brookland were energetic uring the past summer growing things such as flowers, fruits, and vegetables and as a means of dispiaying their cleverness in this line the best of their products will be exhibited publicly tonight and tomorrow night in the basement of the Baptist Church, Brook-

This form of exhibition is unique in that it is practically new to Washing-ton's suburban colony. The exhibition is to be held under the auspices of the Erookland Brotherhood, a social organization that has done much in the past to promote this form of industry. John Gross is president of the organization. Julian B. Ralph, Director of the Bureau of Engraving, and Printing; E. C. Eutterfield, superintendent of the Arthington experiment farm, and C. R. Reynolas, assistant superintendent of the oBtanic Garden, will act as Judges.

Through respect to the memory of the late Justice Martin F. Morris, who died during the summer recess, the District Court of Appeals today adjourned until next Tuesday. Business was also suspended out of respect for the memory of Mrs. Shepard, wife of the Chief Justice, who died Saturday.

With Justices Robb and Van Orsdel on the bench, the court opened this morning for the fall term. After some formal matters had been presented Attorney George E. Hamilton, after formally telling the court of Judge Morris' death, asked for an adjournment, which was granted.

When seen this morning, Prof. Vance said that he had not as yet received official announcement of his appointment, but acknowledged that he was not at all surprised at the news.

G. W. U. LOSES VANCE, FOREIGN MISSIONARY

Dean of Local Law School to Be

George Washington University is to lose Prof. William R. Vance, dean of the law school. Prof. Vance has been elected professor of testamentary law in the law school of Yale University.

REPORTS ARE MADE

The morning session of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Baltimore Conference, which is holding its thirty-first annual meeting in M. E. Church, South, Seventh and A streets northeast, was devoted entirely to the transaction of the business of the association.

DANISH UNIVERSITY WILLING TO SHARE

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 5 .- Any suggestion that Dr. Frederick A. Cook may make for a scientific investigation of the data of his North Pole discovery likely to meet with the full approval of

The authorities of the university, including Rector Torp, were interviewed today regarding Dr. Cook's latest offer to submit his evidence simultaneously to the transaction of the business of the association.

Following the reading of the reports of officers, addresses were made by Mrs. G. O. Homan, Miss A. Wagner, and Bishop A. W. Wilson.

The conference adjourned shortly after noon and will reconvene later in the day to elect officers and to decide upon the next place for the annual meeting. Committee memberships will be announced and letters from missionaries from various sections of the world will be read.

To submit his evidence simultaneously to the American Geographical Society, provided the latter does not announce its decision ahead their willingness to share the priority of their investigation with the American Society, but would make no definite statement for fear of embarrassing the explorer.

The Danes are still unanimously loyal to Dr. Cook, and are as firmly convinced of the correctness of his claims as on the dry when the Royal University awarded him a gold medal. to submit his evidence simultaneously to

NEW YORK, Oct. 5: President J. G. Schurman, of Cornell University, who has just returned from Europe, today sent the following message in care of the Peary Arctic Club:

sent the following message in the Peary Arctic Club:
"Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole:
"Cordial congratulations on your discovery of the North Pole. Superb triumph of organization, skill, and endurance. Only regret Marvin is not here to share in your triumphs.

"J. G. SCHURMAN."

75c Moire Velour 48c

25 pieces of 19-inch Brilliant Quality Imported Moire Velours, e most-sought-after materials for coats, costumes and children's

Unlike some moires, this grade shows the brilliant markings of the most expensive goods.

Colors include light blue, pink, raisin, catawba, wistaria, garnet, myrtie, seal, golden, olive, navy copenhagen, old rose, white, cream and black.



\$1.75 Extra Heavy Blk. Broadcloth \$1.00 a Yard

56-inch Fine Quality Extra Heavy Satin-finish Broadcloth, in rich jet black. Especially desirable for unlined suits, separate skirts and capes.

More than 11/2 yards wide. Anniversary Sale Price, \$1 a yard.'

More 14th Anniversary Sale Bargains

All this week we are celebrating our 14th Birthday-celebrating it in the most substantial manner by offering record-breaking values in new fall and winter merchandise. The birthday cake is big enough for all. Come tomorrow and get your share. The story of this store's phenomenal growth and success reads like a romance. 14 years ago a single store of modest size. Today, a mammoth

establishment that wields a mighty influence in the supplying of the public's wants. Our policy, religiously adhered to since the day the doors were first opened, has built this success—the policy of BETTER MERCHANDISE AND BETTER VALUES.

\$18.00 Room=size Rugs at \$10.75

This famous 4th floor housefurnishings section, always noted for its superior values in floor coverings, has never offered a more attractive bargain in large room size rugs than this one.

50 large room size (8 ft. 3 in. by 10 ft. 6 in.) Brussels Rugs-the well-known Alexander Smith & Sons make-in rich floral, med allion, conventional, and Oriental designs. No seams-all made in

Choice of 15 patterns, in colorings of red, green, blue, tan, rose, and brown. All finished with 4inch hemmed ends, which makes them lay flat on the floor and insures longer wear. These rugs are sold elsewhere at \$18.00. Anniversary sale price, \$10.75.

Sale of Walking Skirts \$4 Worth \$8.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50 . . .

The makers of the famous "Lady Fitwell" Skirts disposed of their entire surplus stock of Fall and Winter Skirts to us at an extraordinary sacrifice, and as a consequence we are offering the most remarkable skirt bargains on record.

Materials of the finest quality, including chiffon broadcloths, chiffon voites, French broadcloths, French serges, chiffon panamas, heavy panamas, and invisible stripe hard-finish worsteds.

All are brand-new advance modes for fall and winter wear. The lot contains all the newest plaited styles, with plain hip lines, handsome cluster plaited designs, full plain kilted styles, skirts with panel plaits and the latest long-waisted sweater styles, with drawn silk ribbon sash and bow.

There are many self-trimmed skirts with cloth folds and bands, handsome stitched models and plain tailored skirts, as well as silk-trimmed voiles and plain styles with jetted buttons. Choice of navy blue and dark mixed colors in numerous styles, also plain black

Anniversary Bargains in Battenberg Scarfs and Center Pieces

Battenberg Center Pieces, size 30x30 inches, in round and square shapes. With drawnwork and embroidered centers. New designs. Regular price, \$1.50. Sale price

Battenberg 3-piece Scarfs, 54 inches long, with plain and Mexican drawnwork centers. New designs.

Regular price, \$1.50. Sale

\$1.25 Couch Covers. Special at 79c

Special for the Anniversary Sale—a lot of 200 heavyweight Oriental Stripe Tapestry Couch Covers at 79c each instead of \$1.25.

Strictly reversible quality; in three pretty patterns.
Colorings of red, green, blue, yellow, and tan. Full 50 inches wide and three yards long. Finished with fringed sides and ends.

Suitable for portieres and draperies as well as for couch coverings.

(Fourth floor.)

Women's Suits

Values Worth up to \$50, for



er's stock of model suits which we place on sale tomorrow at HALF PRICE AND LESS present the most astonishing values on record.

These are Finest Custom-Tailored Suits-model garments that bear the unmistakable imprint of exclusive style and high quality to an unusual de-

TWO AND THREE PIECE SUITS, of imported chiffon broadcloth, imported wide-wale cheviots, imported serges, imported diagonal homespuns, imported mannish worsteds and self-toned stripe

Elegant long coat models, artistically trimmed with rich braidings, others with military galoons and handsome moire-trimmed effects; some very attractive styles with embroidery shawl collars. Rich, plain tailored styles in self-toned materials. All magnificently lined with satin

duchesse, messaline, plain sliks and satins.
In shades of raisin, wistaria, Edson blue, burgundy, taupe, artichoke, navy blue and plain Values worth up to forty and fifty dollars at

Anniversary Sale Specials

Household Linens

Men's 69c Underwear

Offered at 39c Tomorrow

shirts and drawers to match. Shirts with French neck, faced front

and pearl buttons; drawers with reinforced seat, faced waistband and

No need to dwell upon the importance of this offering of the famous Skinner's Guaranteed Lining Satin at \$1.19 a yard. Professional dressmakers and women who sew at home will appreciate the rare and unusual chance to buy this best quality lining satin at less than the established price, which is \$1.50 a yard in every store in the country. Full yard wide—a superior grade of rich jet black, with handsome luster, The maker's guarantee is woven in the selvage, and it is warranted to wear for two seasons.

These Blankets have the same appearance and commain the same

Full size for double beds, nice, heavy weight, with soft French

combed wool-nap fleece.

They are all in white, with pink and blue borders. Each blanket

suspender tapes. All sizes tomorrow at 39c instead of 69c

109 dozen All-linen Hemmed Tea Towels, made from a good grade all-linen crash. Very soft and ab-sorbent. Regular 12½c 67 value. Anniversary, Sale 68 200 dozen Hemmed Extra Heavy Linen-finish Huck Towels, all white and fast color red borders. Size 18x36, Regular 12½c value. Anniversary Sale 670 price, each. 200 dozen Hemstitched German Linen Huck Towels, in all white, also red and blue borders. Size 17334. Regular 17c values. 93c

Men's Neglige Shirts, of good

Skinner's Satin.

amount of warmth as an all-wool blanket.

is finished with 2-inch SILK BINDING.

Always Sold at \$1.50 a Yard......

\$2.00 Wool-Nap Blankets,

At a Record Low Price.....

2,000 yards of 18-inch Mercerized Satin Scarfing, in four pretty patterns. Suitable for making scarfs and towels. Regular 25c value. Anniversary Sale 22C price.

72-inch All-linen Full-bleached Irish Satin Table Damask, extra heavy weight and firm-woven grade. Choice of five beautiful patterns.

Regular \$1.00 value. Anniversary Sale price. 30 dozen Fringed Linen Squares, sultable for small tables; size 32x32. Regular 25c value. Anniversary Sale

Men's Seamless Half Hose, made with double heel and toe; in neat fancy effects; all sizes. Worth 121½c pair. Anniversary Sale price.

Men's Brighton Lisle Garters, plain and fancy colors. 7 1 Sold regularly at 15c pair. Anniversary Sale price.... 7 2

26 dozen Extra Large Size Double

bed Comforts, covered with good quality silkoline; plain and figured;

Anniversary Sale of Hosiery

Women's Medium and Heavy-weight Cotton and Lisle Hose, in plain black and colors. Made with garter tops and maco split soles. Full regular made. Regular 25° c and 50° values. Anniversary Sale price.

Boys' and Girls' 1x1 and 2x1 Ribbed Stockings, in light, medium and heavy weights. Made with double knee, heel and toe. Fast Black; good elastic quality. Anniversary Sale' 17c

(Three pairs for 50c.)

Anniversary Sale of Linings

50c Tapestry Table Covers, 29c Each

300 reversible Tapestry Table Cov. colorings of red and green; finished with heavy tassel fringe. 4-quarter size—suitable for stands and small tables. Anniversary sale price, 29c each.

\$10 Broadcloth Evening Capes, \$4.95 No need to tell you how fashionable Evening Capes are this season-every woman who follows

the trend of fashion knows it. These are exactly the capes wanted by theatergoers and society women-in their clever styling

and distinctive quality having all the dignity and unmistakable class of the most exclusive sort. Full length garments of broadcloth, made with full sweep. Collars in the new, high-cut military style, trimmed with fancy military galloons.

Either plain or strapped shoulders; some trimmed with silk frog ornaments across the front; others trimmed with large gilt buttons. In all the favorite shades, such as catawba, Alice blue, tan, reseda and peacock blue.

Women's Sample Shoes, \$1. Worth \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 Pair

We secured a lot of about one thousand pairs of Women's New Fall and Winter Shoes, representing a maker's line of samples, used by the traveling salesmen on the road, which we place on sale tomorrow at the lowest price ever named for footwear of like quality and style,

All this season's newest and smartest designs, in all leathers. Choice of gun metal, glaze kid, tan calf, patent colt and patent kid, with cloth tops, suede tops, cravenetted and combination effects.

Button, lace, and blucher styles, welt and turns. Medium, long, and short vamps.

Common sense, military and Cuban heels. These shoes are in sample sizes-31/2, 4, and 41/2, A and B widths, and some lines are in sizes 3 to 6, C and D widths. Choice of regular \$3.00, \$0.50, and \$4.00 shoes at \$1.98 pair.

\$3, \$3.50 and \$4 Lace Curtains Offered at \$1.98 pair A special purchase of 500 pairs of fine quality Nottingham and Cable Net Lace Curtains offered

omorrow as a feature of the Anniversary Sale at savings of one-third to one-half. In white, ecra and Arabian shades. 50 to 60 inches wide, 3 and 31/2 yards long. Plain motif ef-

fects and heavily worked centers-exact copies of the finest quality imported lace curtains. One to 12 patterns of a kind. Anniversary sale price, \$1.98 a pair.

\$5 and \$6 Tapestry Portieres, Tomorrow at \$3,98 Pair

50 pairs of these heavy weight Mercerized Tapestry Portieres on sale tomorrow at worth-whi'e savings. 50 inches wide and 3 years long. Finished with heavy hand knotted fringe or Gobelin tapestry borders. In nile, olive and myrtle,

green, light and dark red and rose. Choice of several designs.

12½c Complete 5-ft. Curtain Poles, choice of white

corrugated enameled, oak or mahogany finish, at 1216c each. Complete with all fixtures-knobs. brackets and pins. Choice of wood or metal ends. ((4th floor.)

5-ft. Curtain Poles.

"Perdonette" Kid Gløves, \$ 1.00

Every pair fitted by experts and guaranteed. Unlike gloves sold about town at the same price, our "Perdonnette" gloves are made of real French kid, the skins being carefully selected for our use.

Cook's Linoleum, 20 First Quality Goods, Sold at 75c

Not "remnants" or short lengths-but full rolls of strictly first quality Cook's cork-filled Linoleum-a grade that every housekeeper

in Washington knows about. Extra leavy weight, in light and dark colors, showing tiling, mosaic, parquette flooring and figured designs. All in 8-quarter width. A splendid money-saving opportunity for those who want to

Large orders were placed before the new tariff law went into effect, which places a higher tax upon imported kid gloves than under the old tariff. That's why we can sell these famous kid gloves at \$1 a pair.

Latest 2-clasp effect, in black and all the leading fall shades, including newest shades of green, navy, tan, London smoke, grays, browns, reds, etc.

and \$i yard.....

cover kitchens, halls, vestibules or bathrooms at small cost.